

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 1, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-19, 21, 22, 25-40 and 42 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 5, 8-19, 21, 22, 25-40 and 42 remain pending following entry of this response.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-15, 17-19, 21, 22, 25-32, 34-36 and 38-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Adar et al.* (US 6,493,702; hereinafter *Adar*). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The pending claims are directed to managing bookmark information. The claims recite receiving and storing bookmark information entries containing a bookmarked network address and corresponding source identifier information identifying a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked. *Adar* is directed to a system and method for searching and recommending documents in a collection using shared bookmarks (See Title). *Adar* allows a user to upload bookmarks to a document repository where other users may search and use the bookmarks (See Abstract, Col. 5 Lines 38-67). When the user adds a bookmark, the user may give the bookmark a title as well as a URL for the bookmark (Col. 8, Lines 41-56). However, *Adar* does not disclose a bookmark information entry which contains source identifier information identifying the specific source at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked.

In Examiner's *Final Office Action* dated June 1, 2004 (Paper No. 8), Examiner states that *Adar* discloses bookmark information entries comprising a bookmarked network address and corresponding source identifier information identifying a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked (citing col. 1, lines 27-39 & line 67 to col. 2, line 4; col. 2, lines 26-28; and col. 8, lines 46-49). The cited sections refer to bookmarks which contain URLs (See col. 1 line 67 to col. 2, line 4). The cited sections also state that the bookmark may contain additional information such as the date and time of the users' most recent visit

to the site and the collected number of visits (col. 2, lines 21-32). This information provides the user with the network address of the bookmark as well as when the bookmark was last visited. However, none of the cited sections disclose source identifier information identifying the specific source at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked. The users of *Adar* have no way of determining, from the bookmark file, the source at which any given bookmarked address was bookmarked. Nor does *Adar* disclose the combination of both a network address and source identifier information identifying the specific source at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked. Accordingly, the claims are believed to be allowable and Applicant's respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants have scrutinized each passage cited by the Examiner and have further reviewed carefully the teaching of *Adar*, generally. Respectfully, Applicants found no teaching or suggestion of source identifier information identifying a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked. Accordingly, the Examiner's basis for maintaining the rejection is unclear. In this regard, Applicants respectfully submit that Examiner may not fully appreciate the relevant claim recitation: "source identifier information identifying a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked". Specifically, the Examiner appears to suggest that the URL described by *Adar* is the same as the source identifier of the present claims. However, the URL corresponds to the bookmarked address, not the source identifier information identifying a specific source at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked. Consider, for example, a user of a laptop who bookmarks "www.ibm.com". According to embodiments of the present invention, the action of bookmarking results in storing the URL, "www.ibm.com", to a bookmark file, but also results in associating an identifier for the laptop with the bookmarked URL. Hence, source identifier information identifying the laptop, at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked, is stored with the bookmarked URL. Thus, the bookmarked URL and the source identifier information are not the same. Accordingly, while *Adar* discloses a bookmarked network address (col. 1, lines 27-38), *Adar* does not disclose a source identifier information identifying the specific source at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked.

Accordingly, the claims are believed to be allowable and Applicant's respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Regarding Examiner's reference to "the group that the source belongs to" as being source identifier information the Examiner appears to be suggesting that the categories in *Adar* in which a user may place bookmarks are analogous to source identifier information. Applicants note that *Adar* specifically states "the user can then manually select a category in which to add the bookmark" (col. 8, lines 46-49). The categories in *Adar* allow the user to arrange the bookmarks in a hierarchy (col. 2, lines 21-31). Thus, the categories in *Adar* are a destination category in which the bookmark will be placed (col. 8, lines 46-49). Thus, *Adar* does not teach, show, or suggest bookmark information entries comprising a bookmarked network address and corresponding source identifier information identifying a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked. Accordingly, the claims are believed to be allowable and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In the *Response to Arguments* Section (Paper No. 8), Examiner goes on to note that source identifier information is anything that may identify a source, such as the username of the source, IP address or URL of the source, or even the group that the source belongs to, and is not restricted to a device type (*Id. Emphasis in the original.*). The Examiner, therefore, suggests that none of the pending claims limit the source identifier to a device (*Id.*). Applicants respectfully note that claim 35 expressly claims "a plurality of bookmarking devices each having a unique source identifier associated therewith", (emphasis added) and thus, in light of Examiner's argument, appears to be allowable. Accordingly, allowance of claim 35 and its dependents is respectfully requested.

Claims 16 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Adar*. Applicants respectfully submit that *Adar* has been overcome for the reasons given above. Accordingly, claims 16 and 23 are believed to be allowable and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 37 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Adar* in view of *Smethers* (US 6,560,640). Applicants respectfully submit that *Adar* has

been overcome for the reasons given above. Thus, Applicants submit that the combination of *Adar* and *Smethers* has been overcome because the combination of *Adar* and *Smethers* does not teach, show, or suggest bookmark information entries comprising a bookmarked network address and corresponding source identifier information identifying a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which the bookmarked network address was bookmarked. Accordingly, claim 37 is believed to be allowable and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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